

OVERVIEW INFORMATION

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CONFERENCE

General Information

Announcement Type:	Initial Announcement
Funding Instrument Type:	CA
Funding Opportunity Number:	<i>USEPA-ORD-TBN25891</i>
Posted Date:	<i>September 29, 2005</i>
Original Due Date for Applications:	<i>November 17, 2005</i>
Current Due Date for Applications:	<i>(Same as Above)</i>
Archive Date:	
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment
Expected Number of Awards:	1 possible award
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$300,000
Award Ceiling:	\$60,000 per year for five years
Award Floor:	\$60,000 first year
CFDA Number:	66.510 ORD Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	None

Eligible Applicants

Assistance awards under CFDA 66.510 are available to States, territories and possessions, and Tribal nations of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, public and private State universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, State and local government departments, other public or private nonprofit institutions, and in some cases, individuals who have demonstrated unusually high scientific ability. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive grants and cooperative agreements from the EPA for this activity.

Federal Agency Name

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Summary Description

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering financial assistance to a technically qualified, eligible organization (i.e., nonprofit and universities) interested in sponsoring the National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC). The National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC) encompasses all environmental media (e.g., water, air, solid waste, pesticides) and all of the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA's) monitoring programs with

the exception of criteria pollutants in air (e.g., hazardous waste, wastewater, drinking water, source emissions, Superfund, pesticides). Initially known as the Waste Testing and Quality Assurance Symposium (WTQA) before the name was changed to NEMC, for 21 years, the conference's growth and diversity have made this the premier conference for the entire environmental community. With a combination of technical presentations in both oral and poster formats; a plenary session featuring leaders in government and industry discussing issues of concern to the community and future regulatory and program directions that will impact the community; a table top exposition featuring new instruments, services, and supplies of interest to the environmental community; and short courses to help meet the continuing training needs of the monitoring community, the symposium serves as a means of fostering a partnership among the regulated community, the laboratory and consulting communities, and state and federal regulators. EPA has historically provided not-for-profit scientific organizations with limited financial support to make the conference possible and is willing to continue to provide such support. This is the only conference, designed to facilitate an exchange among leaders in government, academia, and the private sector on current events, policy, new monitoring technologies, and future directions across all environmental programs, that EPA anticipates co-sponsoring during the period of this agreement.

NEMC serves as a forum for members of the environmental community to raise the awareness of the greater community to problems and issues that they have uncovered and work with their partners across the community to solve them. It also serves as the principal forum for the community to work together to improve the quality of environmental information, facilitate the development and use of new monitoring technologies, and make compliance monitoring more cost-effective. To support these objectives, EPA is offering financial support to a technically qualified organization for a 5 year period. The awardee will be expected to be responsible for:

- conference design and management (e.g., planning committee for sessions, exhibitor area, training sessions);
- marketing and outreach;
- location/hotel contract negotiations; and
- logistics (e.g., conference materials pre-conference, for conference, and post-conference proceedings).

In addition to providing limited financial support, Agency staff will work closely with the sponsoring organization primarily in the areas of program content and the scheduling of the various technical and policy sessions.

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